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NEW BIOTECH POLICY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a `New Biotechnology Policy`;

(b) if so, the salient features of the policy; and

(c) if not, the time frame by which the new policy is likely to be formulated?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a), (b) & (c) : The Department of Biotechnology is preparing the Biotechnology Development Strategy, a comprehensive road map for addressing cross-cutting issues related to human resource development, infrastructure strengthening promotions of industry and trade, setting up of biotech parks, regulatory mechanism and public awareness, and an action plan for specific sub-sectors. The strategic action plan will direct the future priorities and activities in different sectors of biotechnology. The draft document is ready and is at present being discussed with experts before finalisation. A public announcement would be made shortly.